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1. A meeting of Albanian political leaders, which has been planned for some time, is now taking place in Rome. A considerable number of Albanian leaders have arrived recently, either from Greece or Egypt, or else from Sicily, which recently has become the Albanian center of Italy. Sicily's importance for the Albanians has arisen from the establishment there of an International Center of Albanian Studies to which the provincial government has allotted several million lire (for research and scholarships), and which has been taken under the wing of Alessi, an Italian parliamentary deputy. It has acquired an importance which transcends the cultural field, for among the Albanian political leaders who gathered there in March 1949 were Ihsan Toptani, Sefid Kruesiu and Ibrahim Farka.
2. In the first week of August Abas Xupi arrived in Italy with a special permit granted him by the Italian government, as did Midhat Frasheri, leader of the Balli Kombetar. Source states that the minute the various anti-representatives met, they began squabbling. Frasheri, mouthpiece of the intransigent majority of the Balli Kombetar, declared that he did not intend to cooperate with the Communists, whom he regarded as responsible for all the ills which had befallen his country. The moderate faction of the Balliste, on the other hand, let it be understood that they were perfectly willing to cooperate with Zog's followers.
3. The rumor is current in Albanian circles that Count Sforza considered it most inopportune for the Albanian leaders to be allowed to gather in Italy at a time when Italy and Albanians are re-establishing diplomatic relations, but De Gasperi and his Christian Democrats, as well as the Vatican, allegedly insisted that the Albanians be allowed complete freedom. Source adds that, this rumor is, however, so far unconfirmed.

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